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Using LNA-modified oligonucleotide (comprising 2'-O, 4'-C-

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methylene bridge) for modulating gene expression involved in malignant cell growth, tumor suppression, DNA repair, oncogene, gene encoding multidrug transporter protein, signal transduction pathway gene for regulating cell growth, gene associated with inflammatory disease, and treating malignant cell growth and inflammatory disorder.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Use of LNA-modified oligonucleotide (comprising 2'-O, 4'-Cmethylene bridge) for modulating expression of genes involved in malignant cell growth, tumor suppression, DNA repair, oncogene, gene encoding multidrug transporter protein, signal transduction pathway gene for regulating cell growth, gene associated with inflammatory disease, and treating malignant cell growth and inflammatory disease/disorder. The gene or RNA from the gene is contacted with the LNA-modified oligonucleotide (I). (I) is administered to a mammal suffering from or susceptible from

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alignant cell growth and inflammatory disease/disorder.

### **ACTIVITY**

Antiinflammatory; cytostatic; antitumor; antiarthritic; osteopathic; antiallergic; immunosuppressive; neuroprotective.

### **MECHANISM OF ACTION**

Modulator of gene expression (claimed); antisense therapy. No supporting data is given.

(I) is useful for modulating expression of genes involved in malignant cell growth, tumor suppression, DNA repair, oncogene, gene encoding multidrug transporter protein, signal transduction pathway gene for regulating cell growth, and gene associated with inflammatory disease. (I) is useful for treating inflammatory disease or disorder, and malignant cell growth comprising a solid tumor or a leukemic malignancy in a mammal, where the malignant cell growth is present in lung, liver, stomach, intestine, bowel, prostate, brain, testes or ovaries of the mammal. The mammal suffers from undesired expression of an oncogene, a tumor suppressor gene, a DNA repair gene, an MMP gene, a gene encoding a multidrug transporter protein,

or a gene involved in the signal transduction pathway regulating cell growth (claimed).

(I) is useful for treating disease and disorders associated with inflammation, such as arthritic conditions, osteoarthritis, multiple sclerosis, allergic conditions and other autoimmune conditions.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

(I) is administered by oral, topical, intravenous or subcutaneous route. No dosage details are given.

TECHNOLOGY FOCUS

Biotechnology - Preferred Method: Contacting gene with (I) results in inhibition of expression of the gene. The gene comprises at least a portion of a sequence given in the specification, and (I) hybridizes with messenger RNA of the gene or sequence to inhibit its expression. The gene associated with inflammatory disease comprises a CD marker gene, a gene encoding an adhesion molecule, a gene encoding a chemokine or chemokine receptor, a gene encoding interleukin or interleukin receptor or a gene encoding an immunoglobulin, an . immunoglobulin receptor, or a subunit of the immunoglobulin. The

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gene associated with inflammatory disease comprises a gene encoding immunoglobulin (Ig)E, FcεRIα, IgG, IgA1, IgA2, IgM, IgD, a gene encoding their corresponding receptors or a gene encoding their subunits. (I) comprises from about 8-60 base units, preferably 10-40 base units. (I) comprises one or more units of formula (1a) or (1b).

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$$R_{5}$$

X = O, S or C;

B = nucleobase:

 $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_5$ ' = H, methyl, ethyl, propyl, propynyl, aminoalkyl, methoxy, propoxy, methoxy-ethoxy, fluoro or chloro;

P = is the radical position for an internucleoside linkage to a proceeding monomer or a 5' terminal group; and

R<sub>3</sub> or R3' = an internucleoside linkage to a proceeding monomer or a 3'-terminal group.

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### [57] ABSTRACT

The invention relates to therapeutic applications of LNA-modified oligonucleotides. In particular, the invention provides methods for treatment of undesired cell growth as well as treatment of inflammatory related diseases and disorders. Preferably, administration of an LNA- modified oligonucleotide modulates expression of a targeted gene associated with the undesired cell growth or an inflammatory related disease or disorder.

Table 1 below lists a number of genes involved in the establishment, growth, invasion and metastasis of tumors and genes involved in the development of resistance to chemotherapeutic drugs that are particularly interesting as antisense targets. It should be understood that many of the genes listed in table 1 are representatives of a larger gene family the other members of which also constitute potentially important antisense targets, e.g. ADAMTS- I is a member of the ADAMs gene family that encode cellular disintegrins and metalloproteinases, MMP- I is a member of the matrix metalloproteinases (MM?s) gene family that encode zincdependent endoproteinases, etc. Table I

ABL1 COT GL13 PA12 ABL2 CREBI GRO1 PCNA ABR CREBBP GR02 PDGFA ADAM I I CRK GR03 PDGFB ADAMTS-1 CRKL HCK PDGFRA DT3 AKT1 CSFI HGF PDGFRjE) AK12 CSFIR HKR3 PIRI APC CSF2 HOXI I PLAT ARAFI CSF2RA HOXA10 PLAU ARAF2 CSF2RB HOXB2 PLAUR ARHA CSF3R HSPA9 PMSI ARHB DIOS170 HRAS PMS2 ARHC DAP IFNB1 PPARA AT DAP3 IFNG PPARBP AXL DAPKI IFNGRI PPARG BAD DBCCRI IFNGR2 PTCH BAG1 DCC IRF4 PVTI BAII DDX6 JUN RAF1 BAK1 E2FI JUNB RALA BAPI E2F4 JUND RALB BARDI E4FI KAII RARA BAX EGF KIT RARB BCL2 EGFR KRAS2 RARG BCL2AI EIF3S2 LCK

RASAI BCL3 EIF3S6 LCNI RB1 BCL5 EIF4E LCN2 RBBP6 BCL6 EIFE4EBP1 LCO REL BCNS ELE1 LCPI RELA BCR ELK1 LCP2 REQ BCS ELK3 LPSA RET BL ELK4 LTA RMYC BLYM EMPI LTB ROS I BMII EMS1 LTK RRAS BMYC EPHAI LYN SEA BRAF EPHA3 MAD SET BRCAI ERBAL2 MADH4 sis BRCA2 ERBB2 MAF SKI BRCDI ERBB3 MAFG SKIL CALCR ERBB4 MAFK SMARCBI CASPI ERG MAP2K1 spil CASP2 ERPLI MAP2K4 SPINK1 CASP3 ESR1 MAP2K6 SRC CASP4 ESR2 MAP3K7 ST5 CASP5 ESRRA MAP3K8 SUPT3H CASP6 ESRRB MAP3KI4 SUPT51-1 CASP13 ESRRG MAPKAPK3 SUPT614 CBL ETSI MISI TAF2A CCNAI ETS2 M4SI TAF2H CCNA2 ETV3 M6P2 TALI CCNB1 ETV4 MPL TF CCNB2 ETV6 MASI THPO CCNC EVII MAX THRA CCNDI EWSR1 MCC THRB CCND2 FAT MCF2 TIAMI CCND3 FER MDM2 TIM CCNEI FES MDR-1 TIMP-1 CCNE2 FGD1 MDR-2 TIMP-2 CCNF FGFI MEL TM4SF1 CCNGI FGF2 MENI TNF CCNG2 FGF3 MET TP53 CCNH FGF4 MGR-2 TP53BP2 CCNK FGF5 MLHI TP73 CCNTI FGF6 MMP-1 VAV1 CCNT2 FGF7 MMP-2 VAV2 CDC23

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The LNA modified antisense oligonucleotide may comprise antisense oligonucleotides specific to any tumour suppressor genes such as TP53, RB1, P16, oncogenes such as RAS and MYC or DNA repair genes such as MSH2 and MLH1 involved in the establishment and growth of a tumour. It may also be targeted against genes which are involved in tumour angiogenesis and metastasis such as for example the genes MMP-1 and MMP-2 which belong to the MMP family of matrix metalloproteinases that degrade connective tissue. Also, The LNA modified oligonucleotides may be directed against genes encoding multidrug transporter proteins such as the genes MDR-1 and MDR-2. Overexpression of such genes leads to multidrug resistance which is a major limitation to the success of current chemotherapy. Also, the LNA modified oligonucleotide may be directed against genes involved in the signal transduction pathway regulating cell growth such as cyclins and cyclin dependent kinases.

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Table 1 below lists a number of genes involved in the establishment, growth, invasion and metastasis of tumors and genes involved in the development of resistance to chemotherapeutic drugs that are particularly interesting as antisense targets. It should be understood that many of the genes listed in table 1 are representatives of a larger gene family the other members of which also constitute potentially important antisense targets, e.g. ADAMTS-1 is a member of the ADAMs gene family that encode cellular disintegrins and metalloproteinases, MMP-1 is a member of the matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) gene family that encode zinc-dependent endoproteinases, etc.

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Table 1

| ABL1       | COT    | GLI3   | PAI2   |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|
| ABL2       | CREBI  | GRO1   | PCNA   |
| ABR        | CREBBP | GRO2   | PDGFA  |
| ADAM11     | CRK    | GRO3   | PDGFB  |
| . ADAMTS-1 | CRKL   | HCK    | PDGFRA |
| AKT1       | CSF1   | HGF    | PDGFRB |
| AKT2       | CSF1R  | HKR3   | PIM1   |
| APC        | CSF2   | HOX11  | PLAT   |
| ARAFI      | CSF2RA | HOXA10 | PLAU   |

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| AREG<br>ARHA | CSF2RY    | HPC1     | PLAUR<br>PLG |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| <u></u>      |           |          | ILLU         |
|              | CSF3R     | HSPA9    | PMS1         |
| ARHB         | D10S170   | HRAS     | PMS2         |
| ARHC         | DAP       | IFNB1    | PPARA        |
| AT           | DAP3      | IFNG     | PPARBP       |
| AXL          | DAPK1     | IFNGR1   | PPARG        |
| BAD          | DBCCR1    | IFNGR2   | PTCH         |
| BAG1         | DCC       | IRF4     | PVT1         |
| BAI1         | DDX6      | JUN      | RAF1         |
| BAKI         | E2F1      | JUNB     | RALA         |
| BAP1         | E2F4      | JUND     | RALB         |
| BARD1        | E4F1      | KAI1     | RARA         |
| BAX          | EGF       | KIT      | RARB         |
| BCL2         | EGFR      | KRAS2    | RARG         |
| BCL2A1       | EIF3S2    | LCK      | RASA1        |
| BCL3         | EIF3S6    | LCNI     | RB1          |
| BCL5         | EIF4E     | LCN2     | RBBP6        |
| BCL6         | EIFE4EBP1 | LCO      | REL          |
| BCNS         | ELE1      | LCP1     | RELA         |
| BCR          | ELK1      | LCP2     | REQ          |
| BCS          | ELK3      | LPSA     | RET          |
| BL           | ELK4      | LTA      | RMYC         |
| BLYM         | EMP1      | LTB      | ROS1         |
| BMI1         | EMS1      | LTK      | RRAS         |
| BMYC         | EPHA1     | LYN      | SEA          |
| BRAF         | EPHA3     | MAD      | SET          |
| BRCA1        | ERBAL2    | MADH4    | SIS          |
| BRCA2        | ERBB2     | MAF      | SKI          |
| BRCD1        | ERBB3     | MAFG     | SKIL         |
| CALCR        | ERBB4     | MAFK     | SMARCB1      |
| CASP1        | ERG       | MAP2K1   | SPI1         |
| CASP2        | ERPL1     | MAP2K4   | SPINK1       |
| CASP3        | ESR1      | MAP2K6   | SRC          |
| CASP4        | ESR2      | MAP3K7   | ST5          |
| CASP5        | ESRRA     | MAP3K8   | SUPT3H       |
| CASP6        | ESRRB     | MAP3K14  | SUPT5H       |
| CASP13       | ESRRG     | MAPKAPK3 | SUPT6H       |
| CBL          | ETS1      | MISI     | TAF2A        |
| CCNA1        | ETS2      | M4S1     | TAF2H        |
| CCNA2        | ETV3      | M6P2     | TALI         |
| CCNB1        | ETV4      | MPL      | ŤF           |
| CCNB2        | ETV6      | MAS1     | THPO         |
| CCNC         | EVI1      | MAX      | THRA         |
| CCNDI        | EWSR1     | MCC      | THRB         |
| CCND2        | FAT       | MCF2     | TIAM1        |

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| CCND3  | FER     | MDM2   | TIM     |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| CCNEI  | FES     | MDR-1  | TIMP-1  |
| CCNE2  | FGD1    | MDR-2  | TIMP-2  |
| CCNF   | FGF1    | MEL    | TM4SF1  |
| CCNG1  | FGF2    | MEN1   | TNF     |
| CCNG2  | FGF3    | MET    | TP53    |
| CCNH   | FGF4    | MGR-2  | TP53BP2 |
| CCNK   | FGF5    | MLH1   | TP73    |
| CCNTI  | FGF6    | MMP-1  | VAV1    |
| CCNT2  | FGF7    | MMP-2  | VAV2    |
| CDC23  | FGF8    | MMP-3  | VDR     |
| CDC25A | FGF9    | MMP-9  | VEGF    |
| CDC25C | FGF10   | MNAT1  | VGF     |
| CDC2L1 | FGF11   | MOS    | VHL     |
| CDC2L2 | FGF12   | MPL    | WNT1    |
| CDC34  | FGF13   | MSH2   | WNT2    |
| CDH1   | FGF14   | MYB    | WNT5A   |
| CDH5   | FGF16   | MYBL1  | WTI     |
| CDH7   | FGF17   | MYBL2  | YES1    |
| CDK2   | FGF18   | MYC    |         |
| CDK3   | FGF19   | MYCL1  |         |
| CDK4   | FGFR1 · | MYCN   |         |
| CDK5   | FGFR2   | NBLI   |         |
| CDK6   | FGFR3   | NF1    |         |
| CDK7   | FGFR4   | NF2    |         |
| CDK8   | FGR     | NFKB2  |         |
| CDK9   | FKHL1   | NKTR   |         |
| CDK10  | FLI1    | NOS2A  |         |
| CDKL1  | FLT1    | NOS2B  |         |
| CDKL2  | FMS     | NOS2C  |         |
| CDKN1A | FPS     | NOS3   |         |
| CDKN1B | FOS     | NOTCH4 |         |
| CDKN1C | FOSB    | NOV    |         |
| CDKN2A | FOSL1   | NRAS   |         |
| CDKN2B | FOSL2   | NRG1   |         |
| CDKN2C | FYN     | NRG2   |         |
| CDKN2D | GADD45A | NTRK1  |         |
| CDKN3  | GAK     | ODC1   |         |
| CDL4   | GLI     | PACE   |         |
| CHES1  | GLI2    | PAII   |         |

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It should be appreciated that in the above table 1, an indicated gene means the gene and all currently known variants thereof, including the different mRNA

5 transcripts that the gene and its variants can give rise to, and any further gene variants

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### What is claimed is:

- A method of modulating expression of a gene involved in malignant cell growth, comprising contacting the gene or RNA from the gene with an oligonucleotide that comprises one or more LNA units, whereby gene expression is modulated.
- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein contact with the LNA oligonucleotide results in inhibition of expression of the gene.

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- 3. A method of modulating expression of an oncogene, tumor suppressor gene, a DNA repair gene, an MMP gene, a gene encoding a multidrug transporter protein, or a gene involved in the signal transduction pathway regulating cell growth, comprising contacting the gene or RNA from the gene with an oligonucleotide that comprises one or more LNA units, whereby gene expression is modulated.
- 4. The method of claim 3 wherein contact with the LNA oligonucleotide results in inhibition of gene expression.
- 5. The method of any one of claims 1 through 4 wherein the gene comprises at least a portion of a sequence identified in table 1 above.
  - 6. The method of claim 2 or claim 4 wherein the LNA oligonucleotide hybridizes with messenger RNA of the gene to inhibit expression thereof.

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7. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible from malignant cell growth, comprising:

administering to the mammal an effective amount of an oligonucleotide that comprises one or more LNA units.

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8. The method of claim 7 wherein the malignant cell growth comprises a solid tumor or a leukemic malignancy.

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9. The method of claim 7 or claim 8 wherein the malignant cell growth is present in a lung, liver, stomach, intestine, bowel, prostate, brain, testes or ovaries of the mammal.

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10. The method of any one of claims 7 through 9 wherein the mammal suffers from undesired expression of an oncogene, a tumor suppressor gene, a DNA repair gene, an MMP gene, a gene encoding a multidrug transporter protein, or a gene involved in the signal transduction pathway regulating cell growth.

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- 11. The method of any one of claims 7 through 10 wherein the mammal suffers from undesired expression of at least a portion of a sequence identified in table 1 above.
- 15 12. The method of claim 10 or claim 11 wherein the administered LNA oligonucleotide hybridizes with messenger RNA of the gene or sequence to inhibit expression thereof.
- 13. A method of modulating expression of a gene associated with an inflammatory disease, comprising contacting the gene or RNA from the gene with an oligonucleotide that comprises one or more LNA units, whereby gene expression is modulated.
- 14. The method of claim 13 wherein contact with the LNA oligonucleotide results in inhibition of gene expression.
- The method of claim 13 or claim 14 wherein the gene comprises a CD
   marker gene, a gene encoding an adhesion molecule, a gene encoding a chemokine or chemokine receptor, a gene encoding interleukin or interleukin receptor, or a gene

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encoding an immuoglobulin, an immunoglobulin receptor, or a subunit of an immunoglobulin.

- The method of any one of claims 13, 14 or 15 wherein the gene
   comprises a gene encoding IgE, FcεRIα, IgG, IgA1, IgA2, IgM, IgD, a gene encoding their corresponding receptors or a gene encoding their subunits.
  - 17. A method of any one of claims 13, 14 or 15 wherein the gene comprises at least a portion of a sequence identified in tables 2, 3, 4 or 5 above.
  - 18. The method of any one of claims 13 through 17 wherein the administered LNA oligonucleotide hybridizes with messenger RNA of the gene or sequence to inhibit expression thereof.
- 15 19. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible from an inflammatory disease or disorder, comprising:

  administering to the mammal an effective amount of an oligonucleotide that comprises one or more LNA units.
- 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the mammal suffers from undesired expression of a CD marker gene, a gene encoding an adhesion molecule, a gene encoding a chemokine or chemokine receptor, a gene encoding interleukin or interleukin receptor, or a gene encoding an immunoglobulin, an immunoglobulin receptor or an immunoglobulin subunit.
  - 21. The method of claim 19 or 20 wherein the mammal suffers from undesired expression of a gene encoding IgE, FceRIa, IgG, IgA1, IgA2, IgM, IgD a gene encoding their corresponding receptors, or a gene encoding their subunits.
- 30 22. A method of any one of claims 19 or 20 wherein the mammal suffers from undesired expression of at least a portion of a sequence identified in tables 2, 3, 4 or 5 above.

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